

ought to be dearer than life. Have we forgotten that voice from Gethsemane, "Not my will but thine be done." Christ did not despise life, but duty prompted him and he did not shrink from it, tho his life paid the forfeit. Yea on the cross he taught us the sacredness of duty and the blessedness of self sacrifice.

Paul loved life at one time and made his escape over the Damascus wall in a basket, but duty was not at stake then. But when duty demanded he was ready for any emergency, saying, "the Holy Spirit testifieth in every city that bonds and afflictions abide me."

Life is sweet, but duty is sweeter. "Life is noble, but truth is nobler; life is true, but faith is truer." Honor, liberty, duty, love, humanity, truth, faith are the things that make a man great. They are the only things worth living for and in their service life is well offered up. These to Paul were dearer than life.

Let us then as followers of Jesus be able to say with the apostle, "Neither count I my life dear unto myself so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

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OUR PRIVILEGES vs OUR DUTIES

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We possess wonderful privileges. We have numerous duties. Our privileges are underrated. Our duties sadly neglected. We often wonder at our leanness of soul, our inability to rise to the spiritual status we behold in others and we almost question the sincerity of our motives. We are radically wrong in so doing. What we should do and that at once, is to look inward a short while. I advise solitary and spiritual meditation and prayer in closest form. Shut out the world entirely. If need be, fasting will help accomplish the work. The devil is very busy these days making us believe we have done much for the Lord and we fall into a carnal security rocking chair and imagine he is telling the truth. Awake! awake! That old devil never can be trusted. You and I, dear reader, are not doing today our duty even and our privilege is to rise, yea to soar higher and higher, but satan says, "You need not do this or that. Some others are tending to this and that." Say brother or sister we have glorious privileges connected with our known duties and would you the blessing enjoy neglect no longer. Money is plenty enough only consecration is at too low an ebb. Energy and force are abundant enough, only too little developed along spiritual lines. Too many are counting the cost in dollars and cents here below. Too many look at the almighty dollar and not the reward to be attended by a consecrated pocket book that the devil has not a first mortgage on. Too many know full well their duty but abuse their privilege and go

groping after worldly toys when the Lord of life and glory bids them enjoy greater things, yet, alas, how cumbered they are. Here are stocks, bonds and mortgages, business, worldliness, pleasure, all claiming time. On the other hand the preaching service is poorly attended and I don't know whether our people have prayer meeting or not. And as the endowment of the college. Well so and so, I suppose, will attend to that. I am really too busy with ———! And spiritual starvation, leanness of soul, privileges wholly neglected, duties undone. The prayer goes up, increase our faith! Ah no, God has set before you many things. Many times you promised to do better and to serve him better with your life. Your consecration did not follow you to the door of the church, for the devil he linked arms with you and your pure white garments were soiled, oh, so soon, and today you are as ever in the old rut. Brother, sister, I ask you to arise and do something and God will yet reward you handsomely.

Remember your vows. Remember your duties. Then think of your privileges and I believe fifty to one hundred young men will rise with consecrated hearts and say, "Here am I," "send me." Others will rise and say, "Here is money, not mine. I only a steward. Here it is." O rob not God any longer, dear saved ones. This world must sacrifice. Self denial must come and leanness of soul will fly away and you and I shall taste of the glories and the blessedness of doing part of what we can. Now dear reader let not this article be read without doing something. You are morally bound to write out a check or rise and offer yourself on the altar of sacrifice. Your duty is clear to you today. The spirit urges you now to do something. Quench it not. I appeal to you in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whose you are and whom you serve. Delay not one moment for the devil is now watching to grasp the good seed sown. At once I urge you to do your duty and your privilege is to follow conviction of that duty.

TREASURES HERE AND HEREAFTER

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Since the subject of "endowing the institutions of the church" has assumed such immense importance in the counsels and councils of the brotherhood it is interesting to consider the relation of the movement to the subject of the caption of this article.

It is easy to note the prominence of the movement, as brethren Gnagey of the EVANGELIST and Cassel of everywhere and others among the leaders and workers are urging the matter with laudable vehemence, and the people are responding, and the tide is swelling, and the gale is increasing, and the spirit of the Lord is moving over the face of the waters, and the angel of the churches is kindling the fires of enthusiasm and consecration. The Lord be praised for the auspicious signs of the times.

But the workers and watchers must not cease or hold their peace. Cry aloud from the housetop of every occasion and the highway of every opportunity. Let every zephyr bear the tidings that "the institutions of the church must be endowed," and let the people of the Lord know of a surety that there is no better way to lay up treasures in heaven.

If our effort, as stewards of the Lord, is to provide luxurious homes for ourselves, and rich patrimonies for our children we simply lay up treasures in this world, with no thought or promise for the next. Let us illustrate: Many moons ago, an eastern man, in early youth, went west, in response to Horace Greely's celebrated suggestion, "Go west young man, go west." He located at a point that developed into a business center of great importance and grew very rich. Years and years afterward, a friend of his boyhood from the East visited him, and the westerner took great delight in showing him his vast possessions. From an observatory, you see, said he, looking southward, those broad plains covered with herds and flocks. They are all mine. Looking westward you see that manufacturing town with its armies of workmen. That is mine. Look eastward and view the vast reaches of ripening grain ready for a train of harvest machinery. That is mine. Northward you see the fleet of ships loading and unloading rich cargoes of merchandise. That is mine. It was a glittering prospect but the easterner, who was of a religious turn of mind, in reply, asked him what treasures he had laid up in heaven. With a downcast countenance he confessed he had none.

Oh how dreadfully poor are they who fail to lay up treasures for the "hereafter." The method of providing for the future is simple and easy. Do all the good you can as "the days are going by." Give to every worthy object. Don't wait for some great thing to do as Naaman was inclined, but do the little things, and in the aggregate you do great things. Some people seem to dislike the religion of "do." They prefer the religion of "say." It seems to be easier and ever so much cheaper; so very cheap that it is almost worthless. There is no better way of illustrating the religion of "do" than to "endow the institutions of the church." One feature that is especially attractive to me is that my work will not cease with the short space of three score and ten. It seems to me that it will bring great joy and peace to the dying pillow when the last hour comes, for by it, we, when dead, will continue to live in our work and influence. Praise the Lord for such an opportunity and privilege and pleasure.

Brethren when we make up our minds to endow the institutions of the church, for "the institutions of the church must be endowed," let us not do it from a sense of duty alone, neither simply because it is a privilege. Both of these motives are worthy, but a higher one is, because it is a *pleasure* for the love